

# WAYNESBOROUGH STATE PARK

## PARK PROFILE

### PARK PURPOSE STATEMENT

Waynesborough was the Wayne County seat from 1784 until 1847 and served as a stop along stagecoach and riverboat routes. The town was abandoned in 1854 when the county seat was moved to Goldsboro, a railroad stop that became more prominent as stagecoach and river traffic diminished. Unfortunately, none of Waynesborough's buildings survived General Sherman's march through the South during the Civil War. Waynesborough was subsequently the site of a brick plant and more recently a landfill. Waynesborough State Park was established in 1979 by legislative appropriations and gifts from the city of Goldsboro as well as area residents interested in local history.

Because of its urban setting and small acreage, Waynesborough's recreational and scenic resources are more typical of a local park. Recreational resources include river access and opportunities to picnic and hike. River access, which was significant to the town's establishment, continues today with the park serving as a stopping point for boaters. The Neuse and Little Rivers also provide opportunities to fish. The picnic area overlooks a riverbend and is adjacent to an open space. Hiking trails cross woodlands and river banks. Scenic resources include opportunities to view the river corridors and a bottomland hardwood forest.

### PRIMARY INTERPRETIVE THEMES

**Cultural History:** This theme focuses on the historic value and use of the area's natural resources. Waynesborough has gone through a widely varied history of land and water (river) use and provides an excellent opportunity to emphasize how the value of a resource changes over time. Highlights include Native American use, European settler use as a trade crossroads, town, brick factory and eventual landfill and finally, the development of a day-use park.

**Successional History of a Landfill:** This theme focuses on the evolution of a landfill. Highlights include: how a landfill is made (both in the past, when this one was made, and in the present), what goes into a landfill and where it comes from, how we can reduce what goes into a landfill, how things decompose in a landfill (as opposed to out in the woods or in a compost pile), what happens on the land surface as things decompose and what landfills can be used for (by animals, humans and plants).

### STATISTICS

Visitation (1998)	39,685
Operating Budget (FY 98-99)	\$ 92,792
Revenue (FY 98-99)	\$ 744

## **VISITOR FACILITIES**

Picnic area  
River fishing  
Hiking

## **REGISTERED NATURAL HERITAGE AREAS**

No Registered Natural Heritage Areas are located in Waynesborough State Park.

## **FUTURE LAND ACQUISITION NEEDS**

At 130 acres, land acquisition is complete at Waynesborough.